

# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 33

### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates that the nation undertake a census of population every ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, the next Census is to take place on April 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important that all households complete a Census form; and

**WHEREAS**, the Census will determine how the national government distributes \$400 billion annually to fund critical community services and generate jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Census will also determine how many seats North Carolina will have in the United States House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina received an additional Congressional district following the 2000 census by a margin of fewer than 1,000 residents counted; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that accurate data comes from populations that are historically difficult to count, including non-native English speakers, low income households, and children; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure that the Census is as accurate as possible, strategic planning is required to effectively account for these populations in the most efficient manner possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Census bureau encourages all states to form a Complete Count Committee with the goals of heightening awareness about the 2010 Census and encouraging the populace to participate in the United States Census of Population.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, **IT IS SO ORDERED**:

#### **Section 1.**     **Establishment and Membership**

The North Carolina Complete Count Committee (hereafter the "Committee") is hereby established. The Committee shall be comprised of at least 35 members and no more than 50 members who shall

represent the diverse geographic, economic, racial, cultural, gender, and occupational makeup of the State. Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall appoint a Chair of the Committee from the Committee's membership.

## **Section 2. Duties**

The Committee shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Advise the Governor on Census activities in the State;
- b. Promote and advertise the 2010 Census;
- c. Respond to the population's questions and concerns about the Census;
- d. Focus on and reach out to traditionally hard-to-count areas and populations; and
- e. Work to ensure the highest participation rate possible.

## **Section 3. Meetings**

The Committee shall meet upon the call of the Chair or the Governor. A simple majority of the Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Committee.

## **Section 4. Administration**

The Office of the Governor shall provide staff and administrative support services for the Committee. No per diem allowance, travel expenses, or subsistence shall be paid to members of the Task Force.

## **Section 5. Effect and Duration**

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2010, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-16.2, or until rescinded.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this ninth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.



Beverly Eaves Perdue  
Governor

**ATTEST:**

Elaine F. Marshall  
Secretary of State